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SUBJECT: Green Project Reserve for SRF 5504-03 Huron River Green Infrastructure
Drainage District Best Management Practices

This is a nonpoint source (NPS) project that is part of a comprehensive plan by the Washtenaw County Water Resources Commission to mitigate nonpoint source pollution. The Middle Huron Watershed is under a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) restriction for phosphorus, suspended solid and E. coli bacteria. Storm water had been demonstrated to be a significant contributor of nutrients, sediment and bacteria.

This project is part of a Middle Huron River plan to improve water quality by reducing storm water runoff and meet the TMDL goals for reduction of phosphorus, total suspended solids, and bacterial contamination. This project will treat storm water and facilitate storm water infiltration into the ground through rain gardens and an infiltration basin at Vetaren's Memorial Park in the Allen Creek and reain gardens at Arbor Oaks Park in the Malletts Creek drainage districts.

The creation of rain gardens and instillation of an infiltration basin will slow down the runoff of storm water and allow the first flush to infiltrate into the ground.

All components of this project qualify as Green Project Reserve (GPR) as per EPA GPR guidance, Part A – CWSRF GPR Specific Guidance, CWSRF Technical Guidance, Green Infrastructure, subparts 1.2-5 "Downspout disconnection to remove storm water from sanitary, combined sewers and separate storm sewers and manage runoff onsite.", and 1.2-6 "Comprehensive retrofit programs designed to keep wet weather discharges out of all types of sewer systems using. . . trees and urban reforestation, . . .". The total approved loan amount is \$465,000. The Green Project Reserve (GPR) forgiveness amount is \$232,500.